

Capsule Summary  
SM-176  
Part Massum Eyrie  
Lexington Park  
Private

Circa 1850

Part Massum Eyrie is significant as an example of mid-nineteenth-century architecture in St. Mary's County. The exterior of the house has been considerably altered over the years with modern replacement materials, but some original interior finishes do survive. Despite the fact that this site was assigned the name "Part Massum Eyrie" in a previous survey, neither archival nor oral history research has revealed the source for the appellation.

A property description of 1835 notes that this tract was improved with a dwelling "fronting on Three Notched Road and occupied by Charles Raley." The Raley dwelling may have stood on the small field stone foundation that exists underneath the current "Part Massum Eyrie" house. The current structure appears to have been built sometime between 1853 and 1855 when the value of the property increased by five hundred dollars. An advertisement in the St. Mary's Beacon, dated August 26, 1875, describes the property as being improved by a "...comfortable and convenient Dwelling, kitchen, Barns, Stables, and all other necessary outhouses."

During the 1940s the house was converted into apartments for workers on the Patuxent Naval Air Base. It sold to the John K. Fogarty Post #162 of the American Legion Department of Maryland in 1955. When Harold and Doris Bracken purchased the house in 1964, it was in a greatly deteriorated condition. They replaced the west elevation of the house, the floor, the original plaster and all the windows. They also rebuilt the roof, placing it on a steeper pitch than the original. Within the course of reworking the house, the Brackens found the remnants of a field stone foundation underneath the structure that measured about three-quarters the size of the current house.

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural - Industrial Transition.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: House

Known Design Source: none

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. **SM-176**

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Part Massum Eyrie; Poplar Ridge

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Old Route 5

   not for publication

city, town Lexington Park

  X   vicinity of

congressional district

  5  

state Maryland

county St. Mary's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  X  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  X  </u> building(s)	<u>  X  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  X  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  X  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  X  </u> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Harold J. and Doris Ann Bracken

street & number P.O. Box 358

telephone no.: (301) 863-9696

city, town Lexington Park

state and zip code Maryland 20653

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse

liber CBG 118

street & number

folio 150

city, town Leonardtown

state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date

   federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Part Massum Eyrie, is located on the east side of Old Three Notched Road near Lexington Park in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house is set back from the road. The perimeter of the property is bordered by tall pine trees which block neighboring houses and the trailer park, located to the north of the house, from view. The land on the east side of the house slopes to the east. There are four outbuildings on the property, none of which are contemporary with the main block. The house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Probably built around 1850, Part Massum Eyrie is a two-story, frame structure supported by an infilled brick pier foundation. The exterior, originally sheathed with weatherboard, is now covered with aluminum siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the roofline is finished with a boxed cornice. The roof was originally covered with wood shingles and later with corrugated metal. According to the current owners who replaced the roof in the twentieth century, the roof pitch is steeper today than when they purchased the building in 1964. The main block of the house has a side passage, double-pile plan. A slightly shorter two-story kitchen wing addition is attached to the north end of the main block. The kitchen wing has a shallower roof pitch than the main block and is supported by a continuous brick foundation. The two-story addition on the south end of the house is stepped back from the main block. It dates to 1908 and is supported by a cement foundation.

The west (main) elevation of the house is pierced by a modern door with a Colonial Revival architrave. To the north, the wall surface is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. A cement pad extends in front of the main block. This is all that remains of a porch that once extended across the front of the structure. The second floor is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. The 1908 wing to the south is pierced by one two-light window with shutters on the first floor and one forty-eight-over-one sash window with wide surrounds and louvered shutters on the second floor. The two-story kitchen wing to the north is pierced by a modern door and two single-light windows with louvered shutters. A porch supported by wrought iron posts extends across the full width of the first floor. The second floor of the kitchen extends out over the porch roof and is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters.

The north gable end of the main block is remarkable for its two substantial exterior brick chimneys. A six-over-six sash window with louvered shutters lights the second floor and the eave of the main block gable end. The gable end of the kitchen addition is pierced by two single-light windows with shutters on the first floor and two shuttered six-over-six sash windows on the second floor.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ☐ Unknown Builder/Architect ☐ Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Part Massum Eyrie is significant as an example of mid-nineteenth-century architecture in St. Mary's County. The exterior of the house has been considerably altered over the years with modern replacement materials, but some original interior finishes do survive. Despite the fact that this site was assigned the name "Part Massum Eyrie" in a previous survey, neither archival nor oral history research has revealed the source for the appellation.

In 1812 Henry Taylor was assessed for 100 acres of Abell's Purchase, 249 acres of "Abell's Purchase" and "Price's Chance", 51 acres of "Cow ride", and 4.5 acres of "Ismael House and lot of land." At his death in 1820 he left to his wife and two daughters, Mary Derina and Pamela, all of his estate. Following his wife's death, Mary Derina and Pamela divided their inheritance of land. In 1835 they recorded a deed of partition with Mary receiving 135 acres and Pamela receiving 235 acres.

In the property description of 1835, a dwelling "fronting on Three Notched Road and occupied by Charles Raley" is described as the starting point of the division line between the property of the two sisters. Since Charles Raley had married Mary Derina in 1824, it seems likely that this house would have served as their home. The Raley dwelling may have stood on the small field stone foundation that exists underneath the current "Part Massum Eyrie" house.

Charles Raley died in 1837. One year later Mary Derina took Benedict Magill as her second husband. In 1846 Benedict Magill was assessed for 100 acres of "Abell's Purchase" and portions of "Mount Pleasant" and "Part Salem." In 1853 Magill sold 100 acres of "Poplar Point" and "Abell's Purchase" to Lewis B. Peak for \$100. Two years later, Peak sold the property, including the tract "Cowridge," back to Magill for \$600. This significant change in price suggests that Peak may have constructed a new house on the property between 1853 and 1855.

In 1864, Magill transferred ownership of his 400 acre farm, including "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," and "Abell's Purchase," located north of the road from Park

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-176

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 AcresQuadrangle name St. Mary's CityQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's Co. Planning & Zoningdate February 1995street & number 328 Washington Streettelephone (301) 475-4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.1 Description

The east elevation of the kitchen wing is pierced by two small six-over-six sash windows on the first floor and two six-over-six sash windows on the second floor. A modern, one-story, gable roof addition projects from the first floor of the main block. It is supported by a cinderblock foundation and is lighted by forty-eight-over-one sash windows. The remainder of the main block is pierced by one six-over-six sash window on the first floor. The second floor is pierced by a pair of six-over-six sash windows and two single six-over-six sash windows. The two-story wing to the south of the main block is pierced on the first floor by a sliding glass door that opens onto a wooden deck fitted with an outdoor swimming pool. The second floor is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows.

The south elevation of the 1908 wing is pierced on the first floor by two four-over-four sash windows and by one six-over-six sash window on the second floor. An exterior brick chimney stands next to this gable end elevation. The south side of the main block is lighted on the first floor by one forty-eight-over-one sash window with louvered shutters and wide surrounds. One six-over-six sash window with louvered shutters lights the second floor and the eave of the main block.

The interior of the main block consists of a side stair hall and two large parlors on the north side of the house. The open string stair has rectangular balusters and a delicately turned newel post. The second floor consists of two bedrooms and a hall. The attic is accessible by means of a stair behind a four-panel door with a metal box lock. Some of the studs visible here are reciprocal sawn. The rafters are joined at the apex with pegged mortise and tenon joints. The rafter ends rest on a flat false plate. Cross braces are nailed with mature machine cut nails. The 1908 wing consists of one room on the first and second floors. Access to the first floor room is from a door located behind the stair in the main block. The kitchen wing is constructed of heavy timber framing held together with pegged mortise and tenon joints. It consists of one room on the first floor and an unfinished room on the second floor. Hewn ceiling joists are visible from the first floor of the kitchen. Originally a door on the east wall of the kitchen led to the exterior.

There are four outbuildings on the property. South of the house stands a peacock coop, and a shed roof outbuilding used for storage. On the north side of the house are a cinderblock pump house and a modern outbuilding. A former well, now infilled, is also located on the north side of the house. A barn was originally located on the east side of the house.

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Hall to the Three Notched Road, and "Part Saulsberry Plains," located south of the road from Park Hall to Three Notched Road, to John F. Magill. John Magill was to hold the property in trust until Benedict paid off his \$2000 debt to Mary Peak. Both Peak and Magill died before the debt was paid, and in 1877 the property was sold as the result of a court decree to Benedict Bond for \$2625. The deed was recorded in the name of Mary B. Bond. An advertisement in the St. Mary's Beacon dated August 26, 1875 describes the property as,

"Couridge, Poplar Point, Abell's Purchase, and Part of Saulsbury Plains... the whole being known as the Home Farm containing in all about 400 acres...located immediately upon Three Notched Road and has upon it comfortable and convenient Dwelling, kitchen, Barns, Stables, and all other necessary outhouses. It is within sight of the beautiful Chesapeake and within a few miles of the Millstone Landing on the Patuxent River from which there are steamers to and from Baltimore three or four times a week and churches, schools, stores, and mills are very convenient. The soil is good and productive and is well adapted to the growth of the stable crops of the county -- corn, wheat, tobacco, etc. There is also a fine young peach orchard in bearing upon the place. The farm is well watered and is also abundantly supplied with valuable timber of varied growth."

From Bond the property passed to Susan Ladd in 1898, and then from Ladd to Adelaide Blick of Baltimore in 1903. George B. Dent's survey of 1903, drawn to accompany the deed to Blick, shows this property and identifies the main dwelling located on "Poplar Ridge." This name for the tract appears to be a combination of the tract names "Poplar Point" and "Cowridge."

Following her husband's declaration of bankruptcy in 1934, Adelaide Blick sold the property to Reuben Darby in 1936. During the 1940s the house was converted into apartments to house workers on the Patuxent Naval Air Base. In 1955, five acres of the 413 acre farm were sold to the John K. Fogarty Post #162 of the American Legion Department of Maryland. The building remained an American Legion hall until 1964.

When Harold and Doris Bracken purchased the house in 1964, it was in a greatly deteriorated condition. They replaced the west elevation of the house, the floor, the original plaster and all the windows. They also rebuilt the roof, placing it on a steeper pitch than the original. Within the course of reworking the house, the Brackens found the remnants of a field stone foundation underneath the structure that measured about three-quarters the size of the current house.



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Chain of Title

TO: Harold J. and Doris Ann Bracken  
FROM: John K. Fogarty Post #162, American Legion Dept. of MD  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 118, folio 150.  
DATE: December 15, 1964  
NOTES: Transfer of 5 acres.

TO: John K. Fogarty Post #162, American Legion Dept. of MD  
FROM: Ernest E. Condon and Emma L. Condon  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 37, folio 166.  
DATE: January 7, 1951.  
NOTES: Transfer of 5 acres.

TO: Edward Condon and Virginia Harrison Condon  
FROM: Samuel W. Haines and Pearl M. Haines  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 17, folio 470.  
DATE: October 25, 1945.

NOTES: Transfer of all those tracts commonly known as "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and "Part Soulsbury Plains" now composing one farm being 413 3/5 acres as per survey of George B. Dent including all farm equipment, 11 pigs, all turkeys, and poultry, tractor, plows, discs, cultivator, etc.

TO: Samuel W. Haines and Pearl M. Haines of Baltimore  
FROM: Reuben V. Darby of Baltimore  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 14, folio 412.  
DATE: May 5, 1943.  
NOTES: Transfer of all those tracts commonly known as "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and "Part Soulsbury Plains" now composing one farm being 413 3/5 acres as per survey of George B. Dent.

TO: Reuben V. Darbey  
FROM: Adelaide M. Blick of Philadelphia, PA  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 10, folio 206.  
DATE: April 2, 1937.  
NOTES: Transfer of all those tracts commonly known as "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and "Part Soulsbury Plains" now composing one farm being 413 3/5 acres as per survey of George B. Dent being the land formerly owned by Adelaide Blick and her former husband Carroll Bates Blick. Carroll Blick declared bankruptcy in 1934.

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TO: Reuben V. Darby

FROM: Francis A. Michel, Trustee

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 9, folio 546.

DATE: June 9, 1936.

NOTES: Transfer of all those tracts commonly known as "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and "Part Soulsbury Plains" now composing one farm being 413 3/5 acres as per survey of George B. Dent.

TO: Adelaide M. Blick, wife of Carroll B. Blick of Baltimore

FROM: Susan W. Ladd and Ernest W. Ladd

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 3, folio 302.

DATE: August 26, 1903

NOTES: Transfer of all those tracts commonly known as "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and "Part Saulsbury Plains" now composing one farm being 413 3/5 acres as per survey of George B. Dent.

TO: Susan W. Ladd

FROM: Mary B. Bond, widow.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 5, folio 118.

DATE: February 14, 1898.

NOTES: Transfer of all those tracts commonly known as "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and "Part Saulsbury Plains" consisting of 400 acres more or less.  
Price: \$1700.

TO: Mary B. Bond

FROM: J. Frank Bohanan, Trustee

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 2, folio 504.

DATE: December 1, 1877

NOTES: Sale of property as a result of judgment dated June 4, 1875 in the case Mary S. Peak vs. J. Frank Bohanan, admin. of Benedict Magill, John F. Magill et al, case No. 403 N.E. Transfer of all those tracts commonly known as "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and "Part Saulsbury's Plains" being 400 acres more or less. According to Decree Record JFF 2/289, Benedict Magill was indebted to Mary Peak. Mary Peak died in 1874. Benedict Magill died intestate in 1875 before the debt had been paid, leaving as his heirs James M. and Sydney Magill.

TO: John F. Magill as Trustee

FROM: Benedict Magill

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 4, folio 269.

DATE: January 13, 1864.

NOTES: Transfer of "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and "Part Saulsbury Plains" now composing one farm being 400 acres more or less composing

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the farm on which Magill now lives. Property to be held in trust since Magill is indebted to Mary Peak in the amount of \$2000.

TO: Benedict Magill

FROM: Lewis B. Peak and Mary S. Peak

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 56.

DATE: February 28, 1855.

NOTES: Transfer of "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase," and all the land lying and situate on the north side of the road running from Park Hall to the Three Notched Road being 140 acres more or less. Price: \$600

TO: Lewis B. Peak

FROM: Benedict and Mary Derina Magill

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 1, folio 361.

DATE: February 28, 1853.

NOTES: Transfer of "Abell's Purchase" and "Poplar Point" being 100 acres.  
Price: \$150

Parcel 1

TO: Benedict Magill

FROM: James A. Wise

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 1, folio 153.

DATE: January 15, 1852.

NOTES: Transfer of part of "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase" being 135 acres more or less. Price: \$500

TO: James A. Wise

FROM: Benedict and Mary D. Magill

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 1, folio 152.

DATE: January 15, 1852.

NOTES: Transfer of part of "Cowridge," "Poplar Point," "Abell's Purchase" being 135 acres more or less. Price: \$500

TO: Charles Raley and Mary Derina Raley

FROM: James Milburn and Permelia Milburn

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 10, folio 291.

DATE: May 25, 1835.

NOTES: Deed of partition of real estate devised by Henry Taylor to his two daughters, Permelia and Mary Derina. Mary Derina (Taylor) Raley receives 135 acres of the property while her sister receives 235 acres. It seems likely that Mary Derina's share of the property included a dwelling house since the acreage is smaller but considered equal in value.

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TO: Heirs

FROM: Henry Taylor

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber

DATE: May 30, 1820.

NOTES: Devision of all estate to his wife Mary and after her death to their two youngest daughters Pamela and Mary Derina.

Parcel 2

TO: Benedict Magill

FROM: Theodotius Courtney and Harriet Courtney

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 1, folio 315.

DATE: August 20, 1852.

NOTES: Transfer of "...all that tract being parts of several tracts of land...surveyed and plotted to James Milburn and Permelia, his wife, by Benjamin Tippet on March 1825 being part of the real estate of Henry Taylor and devised by his will to Permelia and Mary Derina his daughters and aloted to Permelia Milburn by division of said real estate and confirmed by a deed of Partition executed by Charles Raley and Mary Derina, his wife, and conveyed to Theodotius Courtney by Permelia Milburn on May 25, 1835...beginning at a gate on the Three Notched Road fronting the dwelling house of Charles Raley (now Benedict Magill)..."

TO: Theodotius Courtney

FROM: Permelia Milburn

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 10, folio 265.

DATE: May 25, 1835.

NOTES: Transfer of 235 acres being Permelia Milburn's share of the real estate of her father Henry Taylor, "...beginning at the gate at the three notched road fronting the dwelling house of Charles Raley and running thence..." Price: \$410.

TO: Permelia Milburn

FROM: Charles Raley and Mary Derina Raley

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 10, folio 291.

DATE: May 25, 1835.

NOTES: Deed of partition of real estate devised by Henry Taylor to his two daughters, Permelia and Mary Derina. Permelia receives 235 acres.

TO: Heirs

FROM: Henry Taylor

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber

DATE: May 30, 1820.

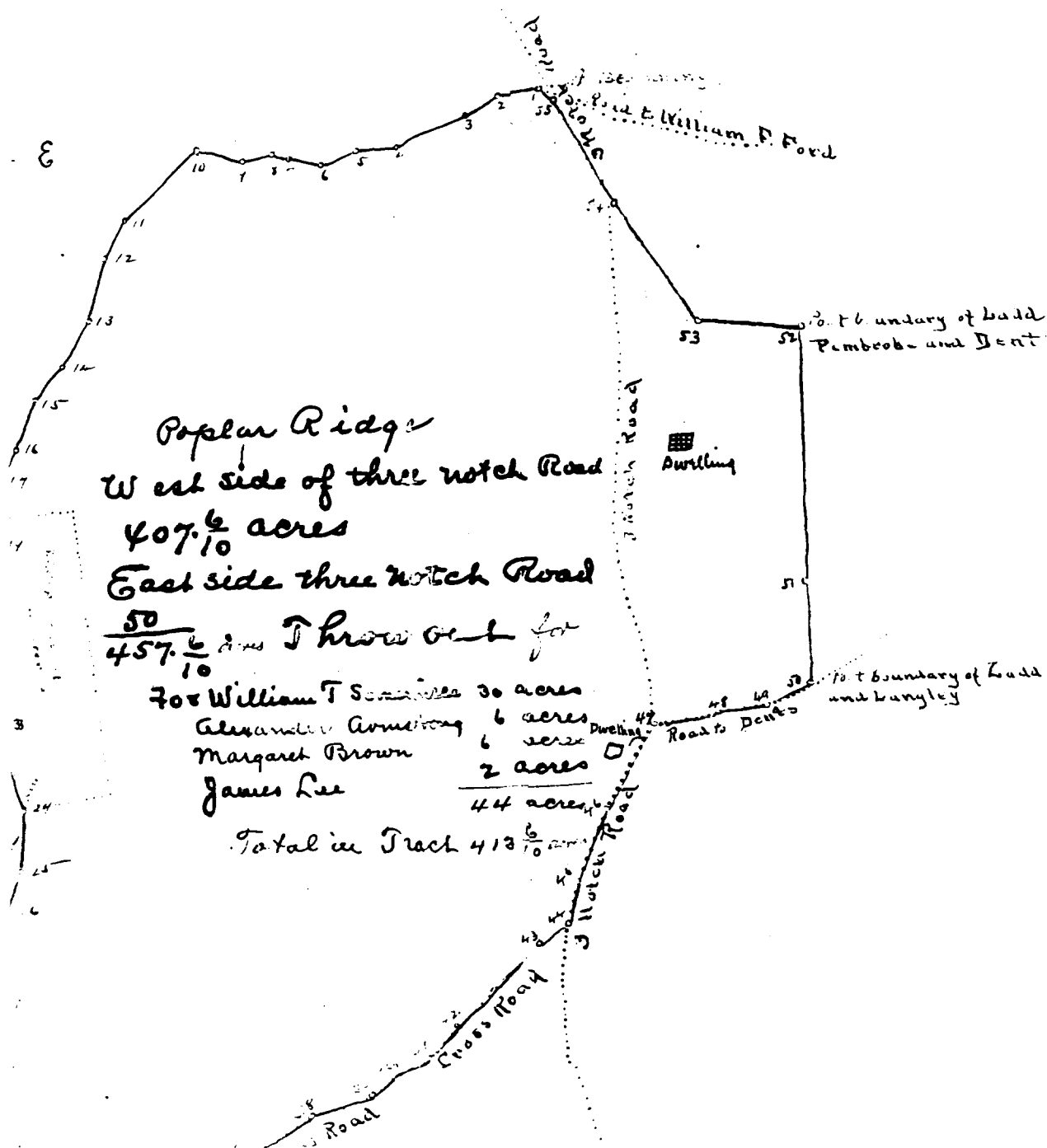
NOTES: Devision of all estate to his wife Mary and after her death to their two youngest daughters Pamela and Mary Derina.

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Survey by George B. Dent dated September 4, 1903.

Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 3, folio 302.

*Surveyed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1903  
by George B. Dent "Surveyor"*



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PART MASSOM EYRIE  
Hermansville  
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mid-19th century

This Federally inspired farmhouse is two stories tall and three bays in length, with an end hall and flanking double parlor floor plan and two exterior chimneys at one end. The land on which it stands was part of the tract called Massom Eyrie <sup>or</sup> ~~of~~ Massonarie. The property has also been referred to as the Blick house and the Condon farm.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <u>Condon House</u>				
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Part Massum Eyrie</u>				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Old Rt. 235 (MD Route 860)</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Hermannville, south of Lexington Park</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>			COUNTY: <u>St. Mary's</u>	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Ernest Condon</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: _____			STATE: _____	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>St. Mary's County Courthouse</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Washington Street and Courthouse Drive</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Leonardtown</u>			STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): _____				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: _____				
DATE OF SURVEY: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: _____			STATE: _____	

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cordon House is a two-story frame house, three bays in length, with two large chimneys on the north gable. There is a transom above the main door.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1820-40

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociol/Humon-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itorion                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

*Bourne*

ORGANIZATION

DATE

*8-70*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐State ☐Local ☐

Signature

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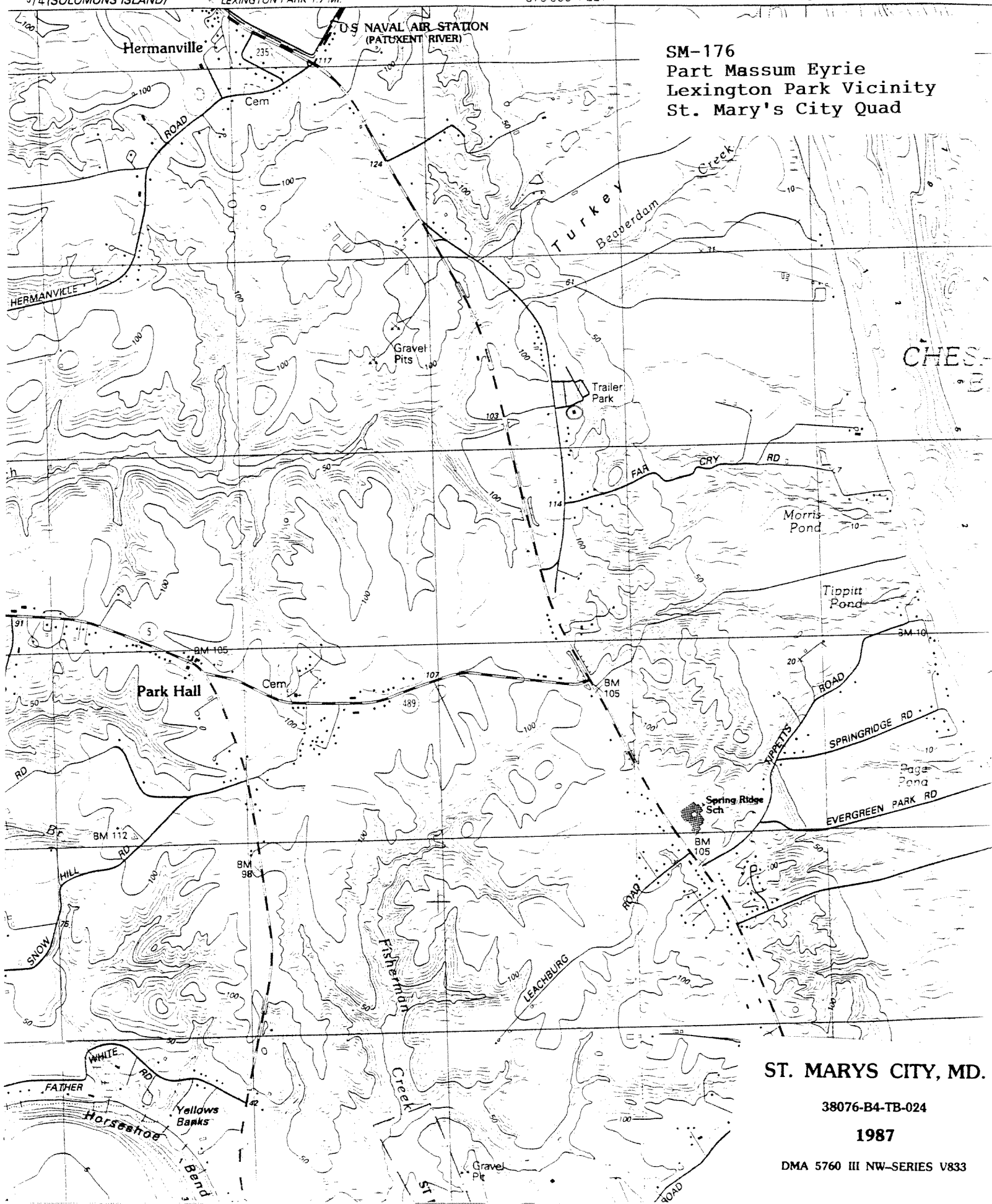
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